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DENR Provides Internet Access to Hyperion Permit Files

PIERRE – The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced today that it is making environmental permitting files related to the proposed Hyperion Energy Center available to the public both electronically and in hard copy.

DENR and the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications have developed a website at <http://www.state.sd.us/denr/hyperion.htm>, where the department will post permit applications submitted by Hyperion, correspondence files, and provide updates regarding the status of DENR reviews of the applications. The website also features links to Hyperion's website.

The website can be reached by clicking on "Hyperion Energy Center - Environmental Permits" under the "New" heading on DENR's website at <http://www.state.sd.us/denr/denr.html>.

For those who may not have internet access, DENR is also providing hard copies for local residents of Hyperion permit applications and related information at the department's Geological Survey Program offices, which are located on the third floor of the Akeley-Lawrence Science Center on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion. The files can be viewed during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time.

Hyperion is a Dallas-based oil company that is considering plans for building a new energy center that consists of an oil refinery and power plant. Hyperion officials have indicated that an area in Union County is one of several potential locations they are considering and have started submitting applications for environmental permits for that site.